



COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

City of San Diego
Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2003

TO: Councilmember Brian Maienschein,
Chair, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye

SUBJECT: Review of City Credit Reporting

It has recently come to my attention after speaking with Fox 6 News that if after approximately 135 days an individual fails to pay a City fine the City of San Diego reports such unpaid fines to a credit reporting agency, regardless of how small the fine might be. In some circumstances, I view this practice as unfair and inappropriate. A small, unpaid fine should not have a major detrimental impact on an individual's credit report, possibly causing a person difficulty in securing home or auto loans. I also understand that when such fines are paid, the City does not attempt to delete the information from the individual's credit report.

I would request that you docket this matter to be addressed and reviewed at a future meeting of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your timely response is greatly appreciated.

CC: Mayor Dick Murphy and City Council
Michael Uberuaga, City Manager
Mary Vattimo, City Treasurer

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